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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

At the first session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Comparative Experiences with Privatization, a Bureau was elected, consisting of a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that it will remain in office during the entire duration of the life of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the second session was approved by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session.

A proposal for the organization of work of the second session is given in section III below.

Item 3: Review of country presentations in the light of a cross-country analysis by the secretariat on the design, implementation and results of privatization programmes

At the request of the Ad Hoc Working Group, the UNCTAD secretariat is submitting a document entitled "Design, implementation and results of privatization programmes: a cross-country analysis of national experiences (TD/B/WG.3/7). This document is based on the country contributions submitted to the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session, and on those submitted subsequent to the session in response to a request, together with a detailed questionnaire, sent by the secretariat to Governments members and observers of the Ad Hoc Working Group. As of 22 April 1993, contributions have been submitted by the following 33 countries, including those submitted to the first session: Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, former Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic and Slovakia as of 1 January 1993), Colombia, Finland, France, Ghana, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Morocco, Niger, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, and the United States of America. Contributions were expected from several other countries.

The secretariat document attempts to compare and, to the extent possible, synthesize the different approaches and practices outlined in the presentations of the country experiences with privatization, with reference to the topics identified in the work programme adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session.

Item 4: In-depth consideration of: (i) techniques for privatization; (ii) Financing of privatization, including the role of foreign investment, international agencies and bilateral donors

In addition to the country presentations and the cross-country analysis referred to above, a number of national experts have been asked to submit a written contribution on the two issues mentioned above. They will be invited to join a panel of national experts to initiate an in-depth discussion with members of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the two topics.

Item 5: Provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group

A draft provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Working Group for its consideration.

Item 6: Other business

Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

Paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group states that the Working Group "may submit interim reports and shall submit a final report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board".

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III. TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 7 June	a.m.	Opening of the meeting Item 4: In-depth consideration of (i) techniques for privatization; (ii) financing of privatization (to be assisted by a panel of national experts)
	p.m.	idem
Tuesday 8 June	a.m.	idem
	p.m.	Item 3: Review of country presentations in the light of a cross-country analysis by the secretariat on the design, implementation and results of privatization programmes Presentation of country experiences by national experts
Wednesday 9 June	a.m.) p.m.)	idem
Thursday 10 June	a.m.	Conclusion of consideration of items 3 and 4 Item 6: Other business
	p.m.	No meeting, to allow time for the preparation of the draft report
Friday 11 June	a.m.	idem
	p.m.	Items 3 and 4 (concluded) Item 5: Provisional agenda for the third session of the Ad Hoc Working Group Item 7: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

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